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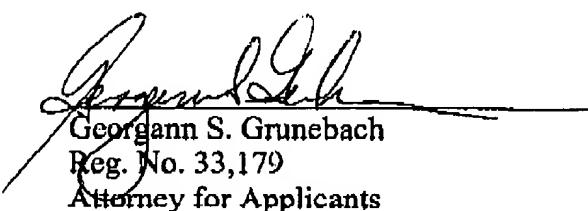
REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated May 21, 2004, claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under the judicially created Doctrine of Obviousness – Type Double Patenting as over claim 3 of U.S. Patent 6,295,440. The Examiner states that although the conflicting claims were not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the processing at the hub of the return signals would have been obvious modification given that '440 teaches processing for transmitting signals to compensate for path delays as well, and coherent reception. Applicants have enclosed a Terminal Disclaimer and believe that this rejection has been overcome.

In view of the preceding remarks and changes, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims presently pending in this application are allowable. Therefore, entry and consideration of this response, reconsideration of the rejections, and allowance are respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview will advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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